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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: TALKS TO PROCEED DESPITE DAMARA REFUSAL
TO ATTEND

REF: PRETORIA 2587

1. DIRK MUDGE, CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SWA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, SAID IN WINDHOEK JULY 21 THAT
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN
ABOUT SIX WEEKS TIME, DESPITE APPARENTHVAMARA REFUSAL
TO PARTICIPATE. IN MEETING JULY 18 DAMARA TRIBAL
EXECUTIVE (DTE) AND DAMARALAND ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)
REITERATED TO MUDGE THEIR DEMANDS FOR INTERNATIONAL
SUPERVISION, PARTICIPATION OF BLACK POLITICAL EXILES
AND WHITE REJECTION OF "SOUTH AFRICAN ALLEGIANCE".

2. DTE AND DAC APPARENTLY SENT LETTER JULY 16 TO UN
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SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM STATING THEY WOULD NOT

ATTEND CONFERENCE UNTIL DEMANDS MET. MUDGE SAID DAMARA STAND CLASHED WITH PLAN TO DISCUSS INDIVIDUAL DEMANDS OF PARTICIPATING GROUPS AS PART OF CONFERENCE ITSELF. MUDGE ALLEGED THAT DAMARA STATEMENTS AND LETTER TO WALDHEIM DEMONSTRATED THAT "THESE DAMARAS DO NOT REALLY QUESTION THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE. THEY REJECT THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS."

3. APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF THEIR OPPOSITION TO TALKS, MUDGE HAS CONCLUDED THAT DTE AND DAC "CANNOT SUMMARILY CLAIM TO REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF DAMARAS". HE ISSUED APPEAL TO "RESPONSIBLE DAMARA LEADERS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE" TO SEE TO IT THAT DAMARAS ARE REPRESENTED AT TALKS.

4. COMMENT: MUDGE REFERENCE TO "RESPONSIBLE DAMARA LEADERS" MAY BE SETTING STAGE FOR ELECTION AMONG DAMARA (PARA 1, REFTTEL) OR FOR PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTING DAMARA UNITED FRONT IN CONFERENCE. IN ANY CASE, IT IS NOW APPARENT TALKS WILL PROCEED WITH OR WITHOUT DAMARA REPRESENTATION.
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